



**Minutes of the  
ALAMEDA FREE LIBRARY BOARD  
January 11, 2006**

The regular meeting of the Alameda Free Library Board was called to order at 7:02 p.m.

ROLL CALL

Present: Ruth Belikove, Vice President arrived 7:04 p.m.  
Karen Butter, Board Member  
Alan Mitchell, Board Member  
Mark Schoenrock, Board Member

Absent: Leslie Krongold, President  
Acting Library Director Jane Chisaki, Secretary

Staff: David Hall, Technical Services Supervisor  
Jenna Gaber, Recording Secretary

CONSENT CALENDAR

An asterisk indicates items so enacted and adopted on the Consent Calendar.

- A. \*Report from Library Director highlighting Library Department activities for the month of January 2006. Accepted.
- B. \*Draft Minutes of the Regular Library Board meeting of December 14, 2005. Approved.
- C. \*Library Services Report for the month of November 2005. Accepted.
- D. \*Report from Finance Department reflecting FY 2004-05 Library expenditures (by fund) through December 2005. Accepted.
- E. \*Bills for ratification. Approved.

Board member Schoenrock noted on the Library Services report that the Door count and Check-outs for the branch libraries are the same. Supervising Librarian Hall commented that Jane would check into the numbers are report back to the Board.

Board member Mitchell MOVED approval of the Consent Calendar. Board member Schoenrock SECONDED the motion which CARRIED by a unanimous voice vote.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

A. Materials Security and Inventory System. (J. Chisaki)

Supervising Librarian David Hall reported that the library will close for 2 weeks in March for tagging the library collection. Acting Library Director Jane Chisaki will notify the school district when the exact dates for closure will be. There will also be a press release for all local newspapers.

Board member Butter expressed concerns that all libraries will be closed on Fridays during that period. Ms. Butter would like an item agendaized for the next meeting to discuss how the public will be notified of the closure.

Vice President Belikove asked if only libraries had RFID. Mr. Hall stated that many facilities now have materials inventory security devices.

NEW BUSINESS

A. Alameda Free Library Foundation (R. Belikove)

Vice President Belikove stated that the Foundation met on the previous Monday evening. The Foundation has a new member and so far they have raised \$74,000.

B. Friends of the Alameda Free Library (M. Skeen)

Molly Skeen reported that the Friends received 38 survey responses evaluating the Friends programs and suggestions for new programs. The book sale had the highest response from patrons. The Summer Reading Program also received a very high response with Literacy scoring somewhat lower. A baby program was suggested by a patron. Vice President Belikove asked if the Friends had considered what the City of Oakland was doing with *One City, One Book*.

C. Library Building Watch (L. Krongold)

In the absence of President Krongold no report was given.

D. Patron suggestions/comments (Speak-Outs) and Library Director's response.

None.

ORAL COMMUNICATIONS, NON-AGENDA (Public Comment)

Marc Lambert reminded the Board about Day in the District on February 3<sup>rd</sup>.

LIBRARY BOARD COMMUNICATIONS

Board member Butter reminded the Board that there will be a Library Bond on the June ballot. The League of Women Voters will be supporting the Bond.

DIRECTOR'S COMMENTS

Supervising Librarian David Hall reported that the weatherproofing on the new main library has been completed.

ADJOURNMENT

Board member Mitchell MOVED to adjourn the meeting at 7:53 p.m. Vice President Belikove SECONDED the motion which CARRIED by a unanimous voice vote.

Respectfully submitted,

Jane Chisaki  
Acting Library Director and  
Secretary to the Library Board